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FOR: Hydrocolloid Adhesive Compositions

Mail Stop Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 27, 2003, in the above-described application, please consider the following.